

Paul Describes Genuine Love

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

So This Is Love?



Do it now! →

Kindness is for wimps! →

Winner takes all! →

If you see something
you want—just take it! →

Brag about yourself—
no one can do it better. →

If you don't see it my way,
you're wrong! →

Keep track of all the bad
things that people do and
remind them of it—often! →



BIBLE STORY (THE BASICS)

Paul describes what love really is to the people in Corinth. He explains that a person can have all kinds of wonderful gifts and talents, but if that person does those things without love, it's meaningless.

The greatest thing we have is love. Let it be real and genuine. Love should be patient, kind, not envious, not proud or boastful. It shouldn't be rude or self-seeking. Love shouldn't get mad easily or keep track of wrong things that are done. Love shouldn't delight when bad things happen, but should rejoice in truth. Love should always protect, trust, hope, and keep on going. Love is the greatest of all.

Bible Point: God teaches us how to love.

Key Verse: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs" (1 Corinthians 13:4-5).



Love Notes

Write each description of love from 1 Corinthians 13 on separate heart-shaped pieces of paper, and place them in a jar or bowl. For example, write "love is patient," "love is kind," and "love doesn't envy." Be sure to write all of the things listed in verses 4-5. Then each night at dinner, take out a heart from the jar or bowl and affirm each family member for how he or she has shown that attribute of love. Then pray for one another to show genuine love more and more in your lives.



ASK YOUR FAMILY

- What is love?
- As a family, how do we show love to one another?
- How can we show love to others?

Daily Challenge

This week kids wrote down the names of four people they love and then listed specific ways they can show love to these people this week. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on this commitment!

PARENT STUMPER

Q: What does 1 Corinthians 13 say you are if you don't have love?

A: A resounding gong or clanging symbol



THE WORD FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY Hebrews 10:24

What things can we do to "spur one another on toward love and good deeds"?

TUESDAY 1 John 3:17-18

How do your actions show God's love?

WEDNESDAY 1 John 4:8

How can you love someone who is hard to love?

THURSDAY 1 John 4:19

What does it feel like to know God loves you?

FRIDAY 2 John 6

How does obeying show that you love God? How can obeying your parents show you love them?

SATURDAY James 2:8

How can you "love your neighbor as yourself"?